

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program

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Reviewed:

Mine Name: Blawn 1-4 SMO Mine	Permit Number: S/001/0073		
Operator Name: Peck Rock and Products LLC	Inspection Date: August 13, 2015		
Inspector(s): Peter Brinton	Time: mid-day		
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Reclaimed		

	Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	П
2.	Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	Ħ	Ħ	Ī
	Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	Ħ	Ħ	Ī
4.	Deleterious Material	П	Ī	Ī
5.	Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
	Reclamation			Ī
7.	Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	
	Soils	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	
9.	Revegetation	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	$\overline{\square}$	
10.	Other			

Permit fee: Current Bond Renewal Date: N/A Bond Amount: \$14,100

Purpose of Inspection: Evaluate 2014 regrading work

Inspection Summary: The site was found to be adequately graded in a rough condition that should aid in minimizing erosion and facilitating revegetation. While terraced/benched slopes were relatively steep, they fit in with the surrounding areas and shouldn't significantly affect post-mining land use. Drainage is to the toe of the slope, so off-site transport of sediment is unlikely. No erosion was observed beyond that expected for such a site during revegetation. A small exposure of bedrock remains, but is acceptable. The operator did a good job of spreading fine-grained soils over much of the site, and to cover material that may be less likely to grow vegetation. Dump slopes below and across the road were not regraded, but have successful revegetation and no impacts beyond those of the pre-mining road cut. A flat area adjacent to the road was left unripped and will likely be a camping spot. BLM has approved reclamation.

It is anticipated that revegetation will be fully successful within a few years. Observed seeded species included small burnet, various beneficial grasses, penstamon, and a little forage kochia. Rabbitbrush was naturally establishing. Thistle control may possibly be needed during late spring or early summer of 2016, but a few thistles (probably a non-noxious native species) were removed. Minor cheatgrass and Russian thistle were present near the road, as well as knotweed, but not in quantities of concern.

<u>Conclusions and Recommendations:</u> Grading is acceptable, and a partial reclamation bond release is recommended. Surety should be retained for revegetation, which had a really good start. The operator should submit the application for bond release form which is being mailed to him to request bond release.

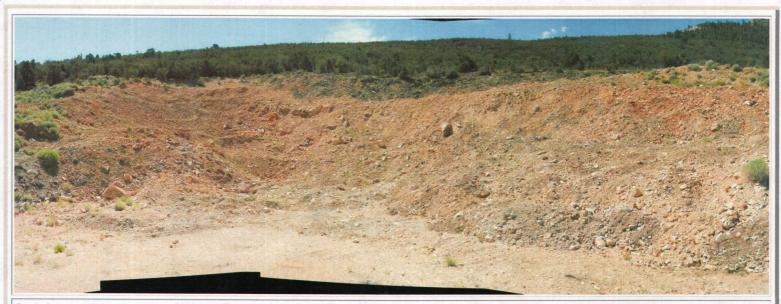
Inspector's Signature

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Enclosed: MR-SITE, Application for Bond Release

cc: Peck Rock Products, with MR-SITE form (Application for Bond Release)
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Graded, terraced slopes and depression at the toe of the slopes. Note the outcrop in the center of the photo near the top. Stitched photo.



View of slopes from the top. Note the vegetation coming in. The rabbitbrush-covered dumps are visible beyond the truck and across the road.

